

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by Summit thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) At the recent NAM Summit in Havana (Cuba), at which Prime Minister led India's delegation, terrorism was among the important issues discussed by NAM member countries. In his statement, Prime Minister stressed that NAM could not equivocate on the subject of terrorism and called on NAM countries to send a message that they were united in their desire to fight and eliminate the scourge of terrorism. The Summit's final document, adopted by consensus, strongly and unequivocally condemns terrorism as criminal, and rejects it in all its forms and manifestations, as well as all acts, methods and practices of terrorism wherever, by whomever, against whomsoever committed, including those in which States are directly or indirectly involved, which are unjustifiable whatever the considerations or factors that may be involved to justify them. The document reiterates the need to conclude a Comprehensive Convention on international terrorism.

Diversion of water of Brahmaputra

†928. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China is going to divert 200 billion cubic meter water of the Brahmaputra river originating from Tibet towards China by constructing a dam over it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have expressed its protest at diplomatic level with China for safeguarding the interest of India; and

(d) whether Government would take up the matter with the President of China during his recent visit so that the consequent adverse effect on the country could be avoided?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) There are reports regarding China undertaking projects to divert waters of the Brahmaputra river. The Spokesman of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Chinese Ambassador in India have denied such reports saying that China has no such plans to build a

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dam and divert water from the Yarlung Zangbo (Brahmaputra) to the Yellow River.

(c) and (d) Government has taken up this issue with the Chinese side, including during the recent visit of the President of China to India. In the Joint Declaration issued on November 21, 2006 during the visit, the two sides agreed to set up an expert-level mechanism to discuss interaction and cooperation on the provision of flood season hydrological data, emergency management and other issues regarding trans-border rivers.

Indians languishing in various jails

929. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that off and on, reports in Press do appear, mentioning pitiable plight of thousands of Indians languishing in various prisons and detention centres spread across globally;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of the unfortunate detainees do not find information about them conveyed even to the local Indian Mission, leave aside their families;

(c) what is the total number of such detainees/prisoners in foreign countries, country-wise; and

(d) the details of the efforts made by Government to help them and what have been the achievements during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes.

(b) The consular procedures and practice require that information concerning Indian nationals detained is conveyed by the host Government to the concerned Indian Mission/Post. All Indian Missions and Posts remain in touch with the host Governments to ensure that they get timely information in such cases. The families/relatives of the detainees are also kept informed as required.

(c) A Statement containing details of Indians imprisoned in various countries is attached (See below).